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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT
TO AMEMBASSY DAKAR PRIORITY
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AFDROUGHT
ROME FOR FODAG
DAKAR FOR DATT AND FFPO

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SUBJECT: MAURITANIA GRAIN PIPELINE

REF: DAKAR 2664

1. BRITISH ARMY ENGINEERS TEAM ARRIVED NOUAKCHOTT VIA
ROSSO MAY 17 TO BEGIN BRIEF SURVEY CONDITIONS AT ROSSO
FERRY CROSSING AND CONSULTATIONS WITH GIRM DROUGHT RELIEF
OFFICIALS. TEAM HAS NO AUTHORITY COMMIT BRITISH SUPPLY
FERRY OR OTHER MATERIAL ASSISTANCE, BUT WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
UPON RETURN TO LONDON MID-WEEK NEXT WEEK.

2. IN ORDER MAKE THE MOST OF LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE AND TO
ASSURE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION,
TEAM REQUESTS EMBASSY DAKAR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING FOLLOWING
INFORMATION WHICH NOT AVAILABLE HERE.

A. WHAT IS MAXIMUM RPT MAXIMUM DAILY TONNAGE GRAIN IN
NEXT THREE MONTHS THAT COULD BE MOVED BY TRUCK FROM DAKAR
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TO ROSSO GIVEN NO LIMITATION ON FERRY SERVICE?

B) UNDERSTAND SENEGAL TRANSPORT NOW CONSISTS 25 TON TRUCKS. IN CASE TEAM RECOMMENDS USE SMALLER TYPE OF FERRY, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE USE 10- TO 12- TON TRUCKS FOR DAKAR-ROSSO SHUTTLE AND STILL MAINTAIN NEAR MAXIMUM DAILY TONNAGE PER A ABOVE?

C) LARGEST OUTBOARD-POWERED FERRY WHICH COULD BE SUPPLIED AND SHIPPED FROM US WOULD HAVE FOLLOWING DIMENSIONS: LENGTH 132 FEET, BEAM 45 FEET, DRAFT SIX FEET. FERRY WOULD PROBABLY BE ASSEMBLED AT ST. LOUIS AND THEN RUN UNDER POWER UP-RIVER TO ROSSO. IS CHANNEL FROM ST. LOUIS TO ROSSO DEEP ENOUGH AND WIDE ENOUGH FOR SUCH VESSEL?

D) WHERE CAN RIVER NAVIGATION CHARTS BE OBTAINED? ARE THERE EXPERIENCED RIVER PILOTS AVAILABLE? WHERE?

3. TEAM RETURN TO DAKAR TUESDAY PM AND DEPARTS FOR LONDON WEDNESDAY. WOULD APPRECIATE DATT COL ANDERSON AND FFPO WOODS CONVEYING RESPONSES ABOVE QUERIES TO TEAM THROUGH BRITISH EMBASSY, DAKAR. MURPHY

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